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Docket No. EBC97-06A

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Applicants: Aldis Darzins and Gregory T. Mrachko

Serial No.: 08/851,089

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification

now abandoned,

Page 1, delete lines 3-8 and substitute therefor:

--This application is a Continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/835,292, filed April 7, 1997, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

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